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MAO Tsu-tung directed the field armies and military areas to employ troops in production activities to reduce the burden of military expenditures on the national treasury. This directive was carried out, local conditions permitting, and many troops engaged in farming, spare-time production and industrial reconstruction. The Political Department of the Chinese Communist Army reviewed the activities carried on [] and 50X1-HUM issued a report. This report, as received by the East China Military Area Command, is summarized as follows:

- According to incomplete figures compiled by the various military districts, the total annual output of the armed forces during 1950 was equivalent in value to over 500 million catties of millet. This production aided government finance and improved the living conditions and diet of army personnel. Bonuses were paid to those who participated in the program.
- However, mistakes were made. Many of the forces placed undue emphasis on production activities and neglected their duties as soldiers. Army organization suffered, morale declined and in some instances soldiers fought with the people for land and water supplies.
- The situation must change [] Chinese Communist Army personnel 50X1-HUM must place less effort on production activities and more effort on building national defenses. Production will be carried on as before only if it does not interfere with troop training, army reorganization and special duties pertaining to the national defense.
- Personnel of the political departments of the various military districts must continue to educate the troops to oppose the United States, aid Korea and defend China. The troops must combine productivity and austerity to strengthen the national defense.

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